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REMARKS

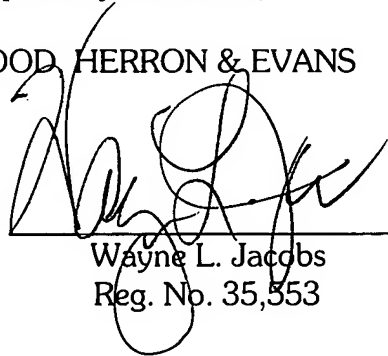
Claims 1-10, 22 and 24-27 have been canceled without prejudice; claims  
11-21 and 23 remain in this application. Examination and consideration of the  
application, in view of the Amendment above and the remarks below, are respectfully  
30 requested.

In view of the above it is submitted that all of the claims are in a condition  
for allowance. Examination of the application is respectfully requested, and an early  
Notice Of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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